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## Briefly

### Road rules class

Secretary of State George H. Ryan, in cooperation with the Granite City Council of Senior Citizens, is offering a Rules of the Road review course Jan. 31 for all citizens in the Granite City area. This course is free to every one, any age, who wishes to attend.

The two-hour class is designed to answer questions about the Rules of the Road and to assist participants in preparation for examination. Topics include written, vision and road tests.

The Rules of the Road review course will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at the Granite City Township Building, 2060 Delmar Ave.

For more information, persons may call 877-4373.

### School comedy

Granite City High School will present Woody Allen's comedy play, "Don't Drink the Water," tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The story centers around a New Jersey caterer and his family accused of spying in a Communist country. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door.

### Madison forum

"Celebration of Life" will be the theme of a forum at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1621 10th St., Madison, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2.

A video, "Celebration of Life," will be shown. Guest speakers include Marsha Walker of St. Elizabeth Medical Center; Marsha Quack of the Mid-America Transplant Association and the Mid-America Eye and Tissue Bank; January 1992 heart transplant recipient Pete Mahman; and the Rev. Patrick Norris of St. Louis University Medical Center, who will speak on "Death with Dignity."

The forum is sponsored by Church Women United and coordinated by Elizabeth Briggs of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church and Sister Bernadette of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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## 75 years ago

Jan. 27, 1919  
Believing that hundreds of Madison County residents do not pay any personal property tax, a group met and decided to furnish each tax assessor with a list of such residents. Schools have been suffering from a lack of sufficient funds.

## Trivia

What was the St. David Benevolent and Choral Society?

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## Truck route debate Council looks at 4 alternatives

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City aldermen agree the city must change its truck route into and out of North Granite.

But ward concerns over truck traffic have turned consideration of several proposed new routes into a battle where politics is prevailing over practicality, some aldermen say.

By an 8-7 vote Tuesday night, the City Council placed on first reading an ordinance establishing a new truck route, providing access to and from the North Granite neighborhood through the downtown and West Granite neighborhoods.

The council is expected to consider final passage of the ordinance next Tuesday night. Members of the public wishing to provide input may address the City Council at a public hearing Monday at 6 p.m.

While three other proposed routes have been considered,

aldermen of the respective wards affected by each of the four proposals argued Tuesday to keep trucks off streets in areas they represent.

"There are a couple of persuasive aldermen pushing different proposals. I would urge the members of this council to vote their conscience," said 7th Ward Alderman Sandy Crites.

As a member of the Traffic Committee opposed to the proposal considered Tuesday night, Crites presented a minority report containing an alternative plan.

A new truck route must be established because the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Norfolk and Southern Railroad have tentatively pledged \$750,000 to the city in exchange for the closure of two dangerous railroad crossings — including one at the intersection of Missouri Avenue and Nameoki Drive, on the current truck route connecting North Granite to Highway 3.

The city plans to utilize the

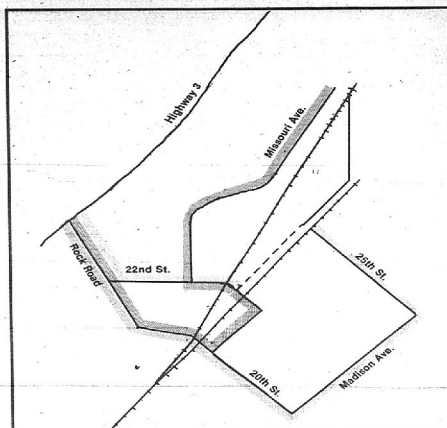
ICC and railroad funds to build two new access roads to the North Granite neighborhood.

One of the proposed new roads would extend Nameoki Drive from 25th Street south to 22nd Street, allowing trucks carrying 24-ton steel coils to enter and exit North Granite through the downtown and West Granite neighborhoods.

Among the aldermanic considerations for the new truck route are the number of turns, the ability of streets to handle heavy truck traffic, the length of the proposed route, and the nature of the neighborhoods through which the trucks would be running.

Ward 4 Alderman Foster Frederick, chairman of the Traffic Committee, said a majority of the committee recommended a 1½-mile-long route that would take trucks from North Granite along the proposed extension of Nameoki Drive to 22nd Street, where they would turn left and

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Alternate routes are shown in red, blue, yellow and gray. Dotted line indicates proposed extension of Nameoki Drive.

## Ambulance fees may be doubled Hike would cut city's loss

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

It may soon cost twice as much to use the Granite City fire department ambulance service.

The Fire and Water Committee of the Granite City Council has unanimously proposed that ambulance rates be doubled.

Alderman Craig Tarpo, chairman of the committee, said that ambulance rates will still remain lower than those of other services in the area.

Tarpo estimated the cost of the ambulance service to the city at more than \$600,000 per year.

Last year, ambulance fees produced about \$225,000 in revenue, resulting in a net loss of close to \$400,000, Tarpo said.

Figures from the Melville Strategic Management Review of City and Township Operations confirm Tarpo's estimates.

It is difficult to pinpoint the exact cost of the service because paramedics and emergency medical technicians that man the ambulances also serve as city firefighters, Tarpo said.

The fire department is also funded by property taxes and other city revenues. While taxpayers are footing the bill to make the service available, users would ideally pay for operating costs, Tarpo said.

But that will not happen even if the proposal to double fees is approved, Tarpo said.

Doubling the fees will produce about \$175,000 in additional revenue, Tarpo said, cutting losses substantially but still not creating a "break even" situation.

The reason that doubling fees will not double revenues is that

some insurance companies and Medicaid will only pay a certain amount for services, he said.

And because Medicaid is about 10 months behind in payments, the city will not see all resultant revenues from the fee increase until more than a year after it is implemented, Tarpo added.

Fire and Water Committee member Bob Shipley supported the proposal to double most fees.

"I'm for doubling them. You can't give the service away and you can't keep this thing completely in the hole," Shipley said.

Fire Chief Keith Talley said that there are many who desperately need the emergency service, but added that many others abuse the ambulance service, especially those on public aid.

"If they have that green card and we respond, we can't deny them service," Talley said.

He cited an example of a man who used to regularly call for an ambulance after getting drunk in a tavern outside the city.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**Flying high** — An American Bald Eagle circles Horseshoe Lake near Bend Road last Thursday afternoon. Five Bald Eagles have been spotted in the Horseshoe Lake area. Although birds of prey usually don't hunt here, they may have moved into this area because of the extreme cold in the northern United States and overcrowding at other favorite hunting areas along the Mississippi River where food has been cut by the summer flooding.

## Girl was threatened before killing

A 21-year-old Worden man called his ex-girlfriend and threatened her before he drove to her house and shot her to death, a witness testified.

Matthew Pike, who was shot in the arm, shoulder and groin in the same incident, testified Tuesday that Michael Strader called him after getting drunk in a tavern outside the city.

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Pike, 22, her boyfriend, Strader is accused of gunning them down Aug. 2, 1992, after a night of drinking.

"We were in her bedroom and she got a phone call," Pike said Tuesday. "It was (Strader) and he was screaming at her. He said, 'you did it this time.' He said he was going to come over and take care of business."

Strader also stalked Awalt, forced her off the road and attempted to choke her in the weeks before she was gunned down in her back yard, witnesses testified Tuesday.

Melissa Lovey, a 19-year-old friend of Awalt's, said Strader attacked Awalt, 17, on her front porch about two weeks before her death and attempted to choke her before she broke free and ran inside.

(Strader) told her if she was with (Pike) again she would regret it in the worst way," Lovey said. "She was really scared."

Awalt's mother, Clara Awalt, testified that Strader had broken

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## International relations Steelworkers travel to Japan

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Granite City steelworker Dave Dowling said his business trip to Japan last week was a huge success and he and other American steelworkers are hoping such trips are the wave of the future.

Dowling, president of United Steelworkers of America Local 67 at Granite City Steel, was part of a USWA delegation that traveled to Japan to plead the case of USWA Local 2660 workers at the National Steel Pellet Co. in Keewatin, Minn. Both National Pellet and Granite City Steel are owned by National Steel Corp. based in Mishawaka, Ind., which is in turn owned by Nippon Kokan Corp. of Japan.

The delegation met with union and company officials and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Walter Mondale.

Workers at National Pellet went on strike in August, but claim that in September the company locked them out when they attempted to return to work.

The union has charged a number of unfair labor practices and the case is before the National Labor Relations

Board. In Japan, the delegation met with leaders of Teikoku Kosen, the Japanese Council of the International Metalworkers' Federation and the Federation of NKK Steelworkers union.

Dowling said some of Japanese labor leaders were apprehensive at first that the delegation might be "American troublemakers" who would threaten their good relationship with the company. But after three days of meetings explaining the plight of the Keewatin steelworkers, Dowling said, the Japanese leaders "realized we were not hotheads" and shared the American's concern.

David Foster, USWA District 33 director and a member of the delegation to Japan, said international relations should be a major part of the union's role in the future.

"As the ownership of the steel industry has become multinational, our union has reached out to the steel industry unions of other countries for joint solutions of our common problems," Foster said. "We feel the effort that has taken place in Tokyo this week between the USWA and

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Members of the United Steelworkers of America delegation and representatives from Nippon Kokan Corp. (NKK), the parent company of National Steel, meet in Japan last week are front row, from left, Minnesota State Sen. Jerry Janezich, USWA District 33 Director David Foster, NKK Senior General Manager Kenichiro Sekino and USWA District 29 Director Harry Lester; back row, Steve Hamm of USWA Local 2660; USWA Local 67 President Dave Dowling; USWA Local 2660 President Clarence Kuusi, USWA Local 6103 President Bob Pastor, NKK Deputy General Manager Yasusada Murata, NKK General Manager Masahiro Murasawa, USWA Local 1299 President Hugh Legner and NKK manager Koji Naito.



## •Trucks

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Proposed to Adams Street. Trucks would then turn right on Adams, go two blocks to 20th Street, turn right and follow 20th Street across two sets of railroad tracks to West 20th Street. They would take West 20th to Rock Road, turn right, and follow Rock Road to the highway.

That is the route that was passed by a one-vote margin Tuesday. But 5th Ward Alderman Tom Candler, who represents the sections of Adams Street and Rock Road along the proposed route, said that other alternatives including Crites' would be less disruptive of residential areas, require fewer turns, and include streets that would more easily accommodate heavy trucks.

He and Crites suggested that trucks coming from North Granite could take the proposed extension of Nameoki Drive to 22nd Street, take West 22nd one block to Missouri Avenue, and follow Missouri Avenue to Highway 3.

Candler said his proposed route, which is a little more than a half-mile long, would include only one turn, plus the follow Missouri Avenue to Highway 3.

Candler implied that Frederick, as chairman of the committee, avoided the Missouri Avenue route because it is in the 4th Ward.

"This didn't go through the proper channels," Candler said. Frederick said a "majority" of the three-member committee favored the Rock Road route.

"If there's any misleading that's been done, it hasn't been by the chairman of the (Traffic) committee," Frederick said.

But Crites said after the council meeting that the decision had been made prior to the committee meeting at which the alternatives were discussed.

Ward 5 Alderman Eddie Asadorian, the third Traffic Committee member, voted against the Adams Street/Rock Road proposal.

Asadorian called the truck route "an area of controversy" and suggested that the whole matter be referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Alderman Dan Partney, who along with Frederick represents the 4th Ward, said that the Missouri Avenue proposal would direct truck traffic through a residential area containing 184 children who walk to Prather Elementary School because the school district does not provide bus service to the neighborhood.

Partney said that three of the four sides of the two-block section of Adams Street in the Traffic Committee's recommended route are industrial in nature and only one side is residential.

"Do we want heavy trucks running through and cutting up predominant residential neighborhoods?" Partney asked.

Partney also said that the Missouri Avenue alternative would be a proposed crossing at a proposed new railroad crossing on Missouri Avenue near A.O. Smith Corp. — a proposed crossing that will allow the railroad to close the two existing crossings in the first place.

He said the Missouri Avenue proposal would result in trucks using back streets to get to the highway while waiting for trains to clear the crossing.

If the majority of the aldermen opposed the Adams Street/Rock Road proposal, Partney said, the city could direct trucks coming from North Granite along 25th Street nine blocks to Madison Avenue. The trucks could then proceed five blocks to 20th Street and then leave the city via Rock Road, Partney said.

"If someone can find a better route to keep these trucks out of our residential neighborhoods, I would be the first to support that route. But unfortunately, we don't have that luxury right now," Partney said.

Alderman Jim Miller said that he "vehemently opposes" any proposal to include Madison Avenue, which was resurfaced two years ago on the truck route.

He said it was "a low blow" for Partney to "withhold" the school district information "until the last minute."

Partney responded that the information was "no more a low blow" than Crites' minority report.

A fourth proposed route includes 22nd Street to West 22nd Street and then taking West 22nd through seven residential blocks to Rock Road.

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## Police log

### Granite City

#### Car strikes restaurant

Dale E. Warlock, 42, of the 2800 block of East 25th Street, was arrested at 8:46 a.m. Jan. 23 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer was dispatched to Fat Archie's Restaurant, 2200 E. 23rd St., where witnesses told police a white 1976 Buick Century had run into the building and the driver fled on foot.

A Madison County sheriff's deputy apprehended Warlock nearby and returned him to the scene where witnesses confirmed he had been the driver of the car that hit the restaurant.

Patrons of the restaurant told police that they heard a noise at the side of the building. One of them went outside and saw Warlock in the driver's seat of the car, according to a police report.

The witness told police that he told Warlock not to start the car again and that police were on their way.

Warlock then tried to start the car, which lunged and once again struck the building, the report states.

Warlock was taken to the police station, where he took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

#### Pot, DUI charges filed

John E. Witt, 26, of the 2009 block of Edwardsville Road, was arrested at 9:46 p.m. Jan. 23 for driving under the influence of alcohol and unlawful possession of cannabis.

An officer reported seeing a white 1978 Pontiac Bonneville run a red light on Nameoki Road at East 23rd Street.

Witt, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

An officer reported finding a hand-rolled cigarette, alleged to contain cannabis, in the car.

#### DUI on Niedringhaus

Douglas J. Nowack, 32, of Edwardsville, was arrested at 2:47 a.m. Jan. 23 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported seeing a white 1978 Pontiac Bonneville run a red light on Nameoki Road at East 23rd Street.

Witt, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

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#### Named on four charges

Kathleen L. Holtsford, 34, of the 2209 block of Iowa Street, was arrested at 1:36 a.m. Jan. 23 for driving under the influence of alcohol, disobeying a traffic control device, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving while her license was suspended.

An officer reported seeing a brown 1978 Ford pass a stop sign at 15th Street and Grand Avenue.

Three open beer cans were found in the car, according to a police report.

The driver, took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Wong-way charge filed

Mary L. Johnson, 37, of the 3200 block of Wilshire Drive, was arrested at 12:16 a.m. Jan. 23 for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage.

An officer reported seeing a green 1993 Mercury Cougar northbound in the 2100 block of State Street, where traffic is one-directional southbound.

Johnson took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

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#### Suspended driver, arrest

Elmer W. Gilson IV, 27, of the 2500 block of Madison Avenue, was arrested at 9:13 p.m. Jan. 21 for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while his license was suspended.

Police looking for a brown pickup truck for an alleged offense of Popeye's Fried Chicken Restaurant, 2868 Madison Ave., stopped a brown 1976 Chevrolet pickup truck on 29th Street near Iowa Street.

Gilson, the driver, refused to take any tests and was charged.

#### Drive-through arrest

Jeffrey A. Martin, 31, of the 1100 block of St. Thomas Road, was arrested at 9:10 p.m. Jan. 20 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer responding to a report of the driver of a blue 1991 Ford Escort honking its horn, flashing its bright lights and yelling out its window in the drive-through lane at McDonald's, 2045 Madison Ave., reported finding Martin behind the wheel of the car.

Martin took four field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

Pawn operation cited

Nicholas J. Lindwedel, 24, of St. Louis turned himself in at 2:25 p.m. Jan. 25 on a misdemeanor warrant charging him with being the operator of a pawn shop refusing to provide information to police.

Lindwedel, doing business as Empire Pawn Shop, 3142 Nameoki Road, allegedly refused to provide police with information regarding a purchase at the business Jan. 3.

\$11,897 deposits gone

Dan New, manager of Taco Bell, 2167 Madison Ave., told police Jan. 24 that 16 bank deposits, made between Sept. 29, 1993, and Jan. 20, 1994, and totaling \$11,897, were not credited to the business's account.

New had hand-written bank deposit slips to verify the deposits, according to a police report.

Michael Cecil in Wood River and 3-year-old Joseph Wallace in Chicago.

A third of those fatality cases had documented prior reports of abuse.

Rep. Jay Hoffman of Collinsville, a co-sponsor of the legislation that created the task force, said intervention for high-risk children could have saved many of those lives.

Under the current system, many children have been killed while they were under the umbrella of a system that is supposed to protect them," he said.

"The bureaucracy has become so bloated that (agencies) can't see the forest through the trees."

The task force will release another report in January 1995 outlining specific proposals to overhaul the system. But Hoffmann said he is already writing legislation to follow up on some of the initial recommendations.

Neil Hochstadt, chairman of the task force and co-author of the report, said the "overcrowded and dysfunctional system," including DCFS, courts, state's attorneys, private contracting agencies and advocacy groups, has lost sight of its mission.

"If just one person out of all those agencies would have stood up for any of these children," he said, "they would be alive today."

Ryder said he supported the task force's findings that DCFS needs to improve its procedures for assessing when a child is at risk.

## Condemned man's appeal denied

SPRINGFIELD — A man condemned to death for murders in Madison and St. Clair counties is nearing the end of the line after nearly 15 years of appeals.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago has denied Graves Davis' motion seeking a decision on whether his constitutional rights would be violated by his execution for the December 1979 murders of Charles Biehn, 89, in St. Clair County.

The last possible appeal would be a similar request to the U.S. Supreme Court.

If the high court denies such a motion, the Illinois Attorney General will ask the Illinois Supreme Court to set an execution date.

Davis appears to be fourth in line for execution among the 175 on death row in Illinois, said Steve Slings, spokesman for the Attorney General's Office.

The next scheduled execution is May 10 for mass murderer John Wayne Gacy, who has apparently exhausted all his appeals.

Assistant Attorney General Arlene Anderson said an execution date could be set before the end of the year for Davis, if he loses his final federal appeal.

Davis' appeal of his Madison County death sentence for the 1979 murder of Esther Seymour, 82, of rural Maryville, is in an earlier stage, said Assistant Attorney General Steve Zick.

As foreign minister, Hovanessian established diplomatic relations for Armenia with more than 180 countries and introduced Armenia to the United Nations in March.

Hovanessian was born and raised in the United States and is a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles, University of Virginia, and Georgetown University Law School in Washington D.C.

Foreign minister Hovanessian said he was pleased to see the Armenian people's progress in the past few years.

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## DCFS agrees system must change

Michael Cecil in Wood River and 3-year-old Joseph Wallace in Chicago.

A third of those fatality cases had documented prior reports of abuse.

Rep. Jay Hoffman of Collinsville, a co-sponsor of the legislation that created the task force, said intervention for high-risk children could have saved many of those lives.

Under the current system, many children have been killed while they were under the umbrella of a system that is supposed to protect them," he said.

"The bureaucracy has become so bloated that (agencies) can't see the forest through the trees."

The task force will release another report in January 1995 outlining specific proposals to overhaul the system. But Hoffmann said he is already writing legislation to follow up on some of the initial recommendations.

Neil Hochstadt, chairman of the task force and co-author of the report, said the "overcrowded and dysfunctional system," including DCFS, courts, state's attorneys, private contracting agencies and advocacy groups, has lost sight of its mission.

"If just one person out of all those agencies would have stood up for any of these children," he said, "they would be alive today."

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Headed down the tubes

Just how serious are Madison's financial woes? Let us suppose, for the sake of discussion, that instead of a city with an annual income of \$1.2 million, Madison is a two-earner family with a total annual income of \$30,000. Money-wise, 1992 was not a particularly good year for the Madison family. Between unexpectedly high heating bills and perhaps a little too much Christmas, the family began the year with \$1,897 in unpaid credit-card bills. But 1993 proved even worse — and, try as they might to cut corners, living expenses for the Madison family ran about \$3,300 a month. Since the family income was only \$2,500 a month, the Madison family ended 1993 with a charge-card negative balance of more than \$10,000. And that's not the worst of it. In really tight times during the year, the Madison family borrowed even more money — money that doesn't show up on a credit check. The Madison family got \$2,600 from a parent, \$1,820 from a grandparent and \$1,040 from an understanding boss at work. While, so far at least, the family members seem to understand why they haven't been repaid, if the boss isn't repaid in the next couple of months there is going to be a very short paycheck and other consequences that may include termination of employment. At this point, even if the Madison family could somehow figure out how to live on absolutely nothing, it would still have more than six months for the family to pay back its \$15,460 debt. But the horrible truth is that the \$15,000 debt doesn't even include the car financed through the bank or the mortgage on the house. Worse still, bills are already piling up for the next year.

And to make matters worse, a trip to a credit counselor indicates that, even with severe belt-tightening, an expected cost-of-living pay increase and a raise in charge-card limits, the most the Madison family can look forward to is ending its next year with only \$8,750 in new cash debt. Pushing \$25,000 in new cash debt — again not counting money borrowed for the car and house — it looks like the Madison family has debts no honest family can pay. The only thing left for the Madison family to do — whether through bankruptcy or default — is to start over from scratch. If we can picture the nearly destitute Madison family, we have a pretty clear picture of the current financial situation of the city of Madison — the relative numbers are accurate.

The \$2,600 borrowed from a parent, for example, is comparable to the \$100,000 the city borrowed from its Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. The \$1,820 from a grandparent is the \$70,000 borrowed from the alarm department. And the \$1,040 from the boss is the \$40,000 borrowed from Motor Fuel Tax funds that must be completely repaid by the time the books balance in May.

It's probably time for the mythical Madison family. Short of having everyone in the Madison family take on a second job, the family's only hope may be to hit the lottery. The possible sale of Huncito Steel may be the city of Madison's salvation, but it would be unwise to bank on it any more than a lottery ticket. So, as the Madison aldermen continue to meet as a committee of the whole to plan for the future, we hope they realize that the only way to save the city financially is to take immediate action. Action that is as drastic as having the entire Madison family take on second jobs. It's that serious.

### Phone, electronic privacy law urged

(By Bob Estill of Copley News Service)

WASHINGTON — When Sen. Paul Simon launched his crusade for privacy a decade ago, the Illinois Democrat's intent was to curb legal eavesdropping on telephone conversations. Although the battle still is not won, he faces a far more formidable challenge. A recent poll by Louis Harris & Associates showed that 53 percent of those surveyed were "very concerned" about their privacy, up 25 percent from 1987.

Evidence suggests that concern is based on prudence, not paranoia. One out of five senior executives surveyed at 301 U.S. companies this year by MacArthur Foundation's computer publication, acknowledged they occasionally search employees' computer files, voice mail, electronic mail and other communications. In some instances, employees are being fired because their key strokes are being counted electronically to see if they meet production quotas or to set production quotas.

Workplace stress, frequently reported by employees subject to covert telephone and computer monitoring, costs businesses more than \$80 billion a year in health care and lost productivity, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. Simon said electronic workplace monitoring is widespread, particularly in service-oriented agencies such as the insurance, airline and telephone industries.

Employees are not the only people subject to prying eyes in presumably private places. Using hidden cameras, employers and security forces can peek at unsuspecting customers as well as workers in restrooms, locker rooms and dressing rooms.

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation is required to obtain a court order to wiretap a conversation," Simon said. "But, because of a loophole in the federal wiretapping law, employers today can spy at will on their employees and the public."

Simon wants to close the loophole with his "Privacy for Consumers and Workers Act," a measure headed by a full committee hearing after clearings subcommittee chaired by the Illinois Democrat.

In an effort to draft a bill that will meet with more success than previous proposals, Simon is attempting to walk a tightrope. He said his bill strives to strike a balance between the right of employers to assess their efficiency, and the right of the public and employees to a certain degree of privacy.

Simon's bill would ban the use of electronic monitoring, such as video camera or audio recorders, in restrooms, locker rooms and dressing rooms used by the public or employees.

The principle behind such a ban is that police work, such as detecting thefts or drug deals, should be left to the police and not to employers, according to Kristina Zahorik, a Simon aide.

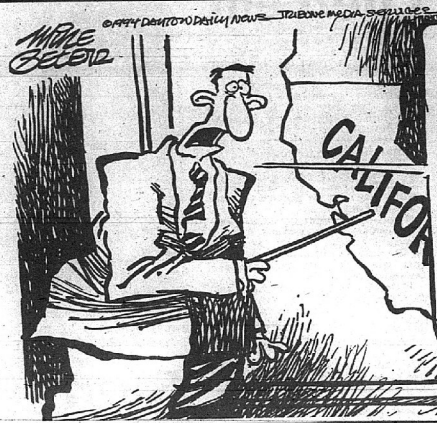
The measure would not bar employers from electronic monitoring, but it would limit the use of monitoring if employees are being monitored, give employees access to data gained from the monitoring, and limit use of such data in setting production quotas.

Employers would have to notify employees in advance and in writing of any electronic monitoring. Firms also would have to notify consumers if their phone conversations are being monitored.

Unlike many workplace laws that exempt Congress and its employees, Simon's measure would apply to lawmakers, their staffs and all other federal employees.

Simon's similar proposals have never cleared committee in recent years. But his staff is optimistic that the attention given to the problem on numerous television talk and news shows enhances its prospects for approval.

If such a measure is enacted, the United States would be following the practice of Japan, where there is minimal monitoring, or in Britain and much of Europe, where monitoring is regulated and limited: "The practice of not engaging in electronic monitoring stems from a general aversion to privacy in Japanese society," Simon said. "One would think that, given our own history, our reverence would be as great."



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## State shirks funding of medical services for poor

### Our guest

(Illinois Hospital Association)

On Dec. 17, 1993, the Illinois Department of Public Aid (IDPA), with no forwarding to the provider community, announced its intention to slash \$200 million from fiscal year 1993-94 Medicaid payments to hospitals and nursing homes.

With that action, IDPA unilaterally broke an agreement on payment rates signed with the Illinois Hospital Association on behalf of Illinois hospitals in July.

This broken promise will hurt the state's most vulnerable citizens — its poor and its children, who lack the power and the organization to speak for themselves.

Hospitals would receive an across-the-board 8 percent cut in basic payment rates. In addition, specific payment cuts would target programs for the poor, the elderly, and patients, including children's and rehabilitation facilities; trauma and burn centers; and programs to provide obstetrical and primary care services in rural areas.

Hospitals would be paid \$190 million less for caring for Medicaid patients through June 30, 1994, the end of the fiscal year.

This translates into a more than 20 percent reduction in payment rates for trauma and obstetrical services and teaching, disproportionate share and rural hospitals.

Hospitals serving large Medicaid populations would be the most severely affected.

Because their first priority must be to maintain fiscal integrity in order to continue caring for patients, hospitals will have to eliminate activities that are most costly, such as trauma centers and Medicaid OB services.

Other actions would include shifting costs by increasing charges to patients with private insurance, cutting hours of outpatient services, postponing purchase of needed equipment, delaying maintenance of the physical plant, and laying off employees.

Combined with borrowing, delaying payments to vendors, and paying higher interest rates, these economies can start a vicious cycle of declining services that could lead to hospital closure.

Everyone in Illinois who uses health care would be affected. Indigent patients would be hurt the most because those medical services that are most essential to them, such as urban trauma care and rural OB services, are the very ones whose funding is being threatened.

Non-Medicaid patients would be hurt too, as well. Many have come to depend on services that are not covered by medical insurance but are subsidized by hospitals — services like cancer screenings, rape counseling,

nutrition services, and hospice care. These services are likely to be eliminated if hospital budgets are slashed. Privately-insured patients would end up paying a hidden, tax an additional 10 percent tacked onto their bills — as hospital shift some of their unbudgeted costs to the bills of other payers.

And patients served by any hospital that is forced to close surely would have less access to hospital care.

During the last legislative session, Illinois hospitals worked in good faith with the General Assembly, with IDPA, and with the governor's office to fashion a Medicaid plan that was acceptable to all parties and that would allow hospitals to continue providing essential care to the poor.

As part of that plan, hospitals agreed to be taxed so as to garner more federal monies. A memorandum of understanding formalizing the agreement was signed in July by the IDPA and the Illinois Hospital Association.

That agreement has now been unilaterally broken, leaving hospitals shortchanged and their patients jeopardized.

By using emergency rules to implement these cuts, the Edgar Administration is abusing the normal democratic process that permits persons affected by rules to review and comment on them before they are adopted.

The hospitals and patients that would be devastated by these cuts are completely cut out of the rulemaking process.

There is no emergency that justifies the extraordinary measure of adopting rules without any opportunity for public notice and comment. The Administration is completely out of the budgetary problem months ago.

Hospitals are informing their elected representatives and communities about the devastating effect the Medicaid cuts would have on patients and communities; developing coalitions with other health organizations; and meeting with lawmakers in an attempt to find a fair solution to the state's budget problem.

If all else fails, hospitals, working through the IHA, will turn to the courts. The state is legally responsible for paying adequate rates for the care of Medicaid patients.

The Edgar Administration claims Medicaid spending has been rising too fast and even with the cuts, spending for hospital services will increase 5 percent a year.

There is a kernel of truth in this statement, but only a kernel. Medicaid spending has been rising relatively rapidly, but that is because Illinois hospitals have been playing catch-up ball.

In 1991, Medicaid hospital payment rates in Illinois were the lowest in the nation. In the July agreement, there was an attempt to correct the problem.

Even with recent payment improvements, Illinois hospitals are still paid far less than costs — only 74 cents on the dollar.

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An important fact is that the payment increase that Illinois hospitals received in July has been funded not through general revenue funds, but through a tax on the hospitals themselves.

This tax is matched with federal funds. General revenue funds appropriated to hospitals for fiscal year 1993-94, actually went down from 1992-93.

The Edgar Administration's claim that hospitals have been receiving more than their fair share of Medicaid funds, and will continue to be, is flat-out untrue.

With the cuts, hospitals would actually be taking an 8 percent cut in real dollars, and that's before inflation.

Fewer than 3 percent of Illinois hospitals would be paid what it costs them to care for Medicaid patients.

Another point the state doesn't emphasize is that, by slowing the payment cycle and not paying its bills on time, the state is forcing hospitals to make the state a \$200 million, interest-free loan.

In short, the state is manipulating the numbers to shirk its responsibility to pay for medical services for the poor.

How does Illinois compare with other states? Medicaid hospital costs are definitely higher in Illinois than in other states.

Hospital expenses per discharge are higher in Illinois than in other states — lower than New York City, San Francisco, Houston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Miami, and only slightly higher than Boston, Denver and Detroit.

Hospital costs outside Chicago are lower than costs in neighboring states.

What's more, state spending on health care grew more slowly than in any other state from 1980 to 1992. Illinois grew at a rate nearly 2.5 percent below the national average during that decade.

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Where can the governor get the money? The IDPA budget historically has been flexible enough to let the department transfer \$40 million to \$50 million from one Medicaid line item to another. That is one option.

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## Club takes donations for food baskets



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 931-6226.

President Susie Horton conducted the first 1994 Better Breathers meeting. She suggested that instead of collecting food all year for holiday food baskets for the needy, a small contribution be collected at each monthly meeting and fresh food purchased for the baskets, when distributed. The first collection was taken and put into the treasury. A report will be given each month on the progress.

Cheryl Gieves, director of the Audiology Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, was the guest speaker for the January meeting.

She explained with simple terms and a few posters the function of ear wax and why it is important to the inner ear. Hearing loss of any sort needs to be checked by a doctor as soon as possible and properly treated.

Cheryl can be reached for more information by calling 799-3631.

Members attending were Carol Smith, Paula Conterman, Orval Semmer, Frank and Shirley Wendel, Jack and Ruth Smith, Susie Horton, Dave Sheppard, Marge Hiker, Anna Taylor, Ellen Knackstedt, Elsie Stages, Pearl Kamadulski, Florence Buetner, James Nair, Mary Mike, Vicki Harper, Fred and Helen Boyer, Marshall McElroy, Pauline Holman and Freddy McElroy.

The next meeting has been changed to 1 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Wisconsin Room at SEMC. Rita Zaruba, RN, of Home Health, will be the special guest speaker for the meeting.

Members of the Meadowbrook staff honored in a special awards ceremony were Teresa Reimiger, Lois Garvin, Bonita Macon, Gloria McCullar, Renee Wilson, Linda Mattellin, Latoya Wilson, Anna Winans, Steve Frisse and Paula Burnes, who all received a two-year service award; Karen Massey, Versie Sherrill, Kathleen Avery, Marilyn Veteto, Virginia Crox, Tina Wucke, Lisa Wilson and Charles Wykoff, who all received three-year awards; Kathy Schaefer, four years; Sandra Chastain and Kim Wykoff, both five years; and Donna Wykoff, six years.

January Employee of the Month at Meadowbrook is Pat Knatut, a rehab aide. She has been employed since the opening of the center in October of 1987.

She and her husband, Mike, have two children, Tonya and Victoria.

The residents and staff feel fortunate to have her and thank her for caring. She always says, "I just love older people."

Roy and Hilda Higgins have returned to their home in Lexington, Ky., after spending a few days visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Diana Corrado, and their son, Mike.

On Jan. 27 there will be a seminar extension class at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Center. The Baptist Women's Missionary Union will have a prayer retreat at Lake Salateeska Jan. 28 and 29.

For more information on these ministries, please contact the Baptist Center.

## Medical Society offers speakers

Health care reform has moved to the top of America's agenda. But with so many claims, counterclaims and complex details, how do we know what is right for us?

Your doctors in Madison County have studied the issues and want to help their patients make sense of it all.

The Madison County Medical Society has organized a Speakers' Bureau that makes physician experts available to discuss health care reform with groups throughout the county.

To schedule a physician to address your organization, contact the Madison County Medical Society, 95 S. 9th Street, East Alton, 62024 or call 259-0024.

## Public will have new opportunity to comment

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will "revisit 1980" early this year with a public comment period on its \$35 million Taracorp/NL Industries Superfund Cleanup of lead contamination in Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park.

"It's imperative that members of the public take the time to express their opinions," said Granite City Alderman Craig Pack and adding that contaminated soil to a lead scrap pile at 15th and State streets. The soil in the down-gradient wells, also indicates it came from the pile," Bradley said.

Decision — the legal document establishing the scope and method of the cleanup — calls for removal of the top six inches of soil in a large area of Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park. The scrap pile would then be sealed.

Because it felt the EPA's ROD did not address the issues raised in 1980 objection to the planned cleanup, the city joined a lawsuit in federal court seeking to block the cleanup.

A new public comment period on the cleanup plan was mandated by the federal court last year.

The upcoming public comment period will combine this required hearing with a public comment period mandated by the EPA's decision to reopen the ROD concerning the disposition of the lead scrap pile.

Tarporff said all of the issues raised in 1980 objection to the EPA's cleanup plan here remain unresolved.

"We're a lot more educated this time. We have a lot more current information and we have scientific documentation above, and beyond what the EPA has," Tarporff said.

"What remains to be seen is if the EPA will be forced to address our concerns and resolve this issue."

Following are some of the issues raised in 1990:

### Groundwater contamination

In 1982, prior to the Taracorp site being turned over to the U.S. EPA, testing by the Illinois EPA showed very high lead contamination in soil samples from 15 feet below the ground around the lead scrap pile. The contamination was reaffirmed by later U.S. EPA tests.

In 1990, Tarporff and others said groundwater contamination was a plausible explanation for the high underground lead levels and asked the EPA to explain its basis for ruling out that possibility.

Jo Lynn Traub, acting associate division director for the Superfund Division of U.S. EPA Region V, said: "I can't speak on the part of the Illinois EPA. I can tell you that wells have been installed hydraulically up gradient and down gradient of the site and there is no lead contamination present at this time in the groundwater."

But in 1992, EPA tests showed water from eight of the 14 monitoring wells showed levels of lead that exceeded the maximum safe level under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Previous tests had not shown any contamination, but Brad Bradley, project manager for the Taracorp Superfund, said the drastic change in the current results is apparently because of a flaw in the previous testing procedure and not because of a sudden increase in contamination.

All the previous testing had used groundwater that had been filtered through a very small screen, Bradley said, but the current testing, as required by Illinois clean water regulations, used unfiltered groundwater.

"I think all indications are the groundwater contamination came from the pile," Bradley said.

"We knew from previous testing that the material in the pile had the potential to leach. The fact that the higher levels were not found for the most part in the up-gradient wells, but in the down-gradient wells, also indicates it came from the pile."

As a result of discovery of the groundwater contamination, last year Valdas Adamkus, regional administrator for EPA Region 5, said that it now appears that, rather than sealing the scrap pile in place, it might be necessary to remove the scrap pile in the future.

"The primary basis for this is groundwater samples taken during the (Remedial Design)," the explanation said.

"This data indicates that the Taracorp pile may be the source of groundwater contamination and raises the possibility that the Taracorp pile may be recycled and/or disposed of off-site."

### Risk posed by lead in soil

In 1990, EPA toxicologist Pat VanLeeuwen predicted that — based on the amount of lead in the soil — as many as 90 percent of the children under age 6 in the Taracorp cleanup area could have damaging levels of lead in their blood.

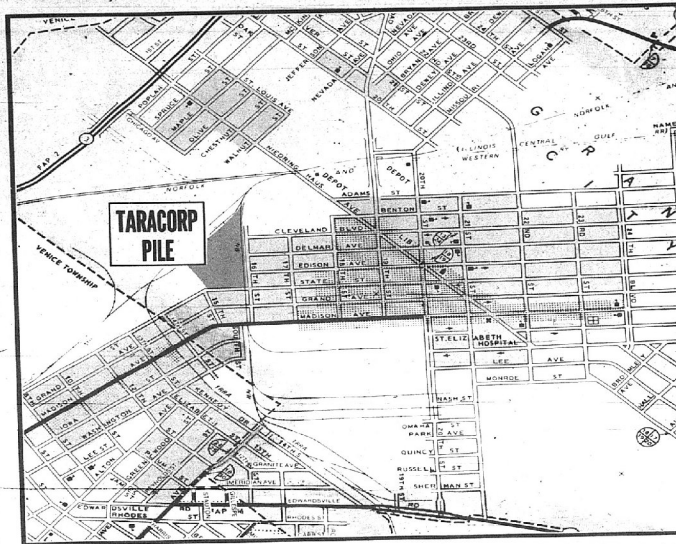
She also predicted that, at a soil-lead level of 500 parts per million — the cleanup threshold here set by the EPA — 60 percent of the children under age 3 would have blood lead levels exceeding the danger level.

VanLeeuwen said that, based on her interpretation of computer modeling, failure to clean up to the EPA's specifications would be putting hundreds of children at risk.

But VanLeeuwen's risk assessment, which used no local data, was questioned by a number of other experts.

Because it assumes an absolute cause-effect between soil lead and blood lead, it was called "intellectually dishonest." Those experts called for a blood-lead study to accompany the soil-lead testing.

As a result of pressure from local officials and the Illinois Department of Public Health, the EPA agreed to fund random testing for blood-lead levels in residents, but said that any result would be a "snapshot"



Shaded portion shows boundaries of yards to be dug up and removed under the EPA's current plan.

and not a "complete picture" of the problem and, therefore, would not affect the cleanup plans.

The preliminary results of the blood-lead study showed elevated blood-lead levels in only about 16 percent of the children. More importantly to opponents of the EPA plan, the results showed no correlation between elevated blood-lead levels and elevated soil-lead levels.

In all cases of elevated blood-lead levels, another source of lead — such as lead paint — was identified. In all of those cases, the lead source was removed and subsequent testing showed a drop in the blood-lead level. "The testing showed that, despite the elevated levels of lead in the soil, the lead contamination problem in our city is no different than in any other urban area," Tarporff said.

### Household dust as a lead source

A number of scientific studies in the United States and Great Britain indicate household dust is the primary source of lead poisoning in children.

This led Dan Vornberg, an expert on lead contamination and member of the International Society of Environmental Geochemistry and Health task force on lead in soil, to make the following hypotheses in 1990 concerning the Granite City soil removal:

• Household dust lead would appear to pose the greatest danger to children.

• Digging up yards would create dust that would spread into homes.

• Wet soil (wetting contaminated soil is the common EPA practice to reduce dust) is mud. Mud, tracked into homes,

becomes household dust.

• Thus, decreasing the amount of contaminated soil could actually increase the amount of household dust.

And so, Vornberg asked, is the cure worse, in the long run, than the problem?

Also in 1990, William Buck, a professor of toxicology at the University of Illinois, suggested that instead of digging up yards the EPA should consider neutralizing the lead in the soil — a method he said has been proven at a number of other lead-contaminated sites.

Buck said that adding a mixture of lime and phosphates to the soil would render the lead harmless to humans and animals, make the grass in the yards grow better, cause much less dust and mud, and cost a "whole lot less" than removing the soil.

Both Buck and Vornberg said that any cleanup plan that doesn't address the issue of household dust would be worthless.

Tarporff said a number of studies in the past four years concluded that soil cleanup without household dust cleanup is futile.

"It is futile, and ludicrous, to remove soil that is not a proven source of lead (contamination) and not house dust, which is," Tarporff said.

### Is lead threshold arbitrary number?

The EPA's decision to set 500 parts per million of lead as the threshold for soil removal may be the most controversial part of its record of decision.

That level is the emphasis of the federal court challenge of the cleanup plan by NL Industries and a number of the other companies identified as potentially responsible parties to the contamination. Those FRPs bear the cost of a Superfund cleanup.

One issue is the biokinetic uptake model used by the EPA to predict the amount of the available lead in an environment that is actually absorbed into the human system.

Studies by Vornberg and others on the Society for Environmental Geochemistry and Health task force looked at

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(Staff photo by MIKE MYERS)

Richard Berney holds 75 grams of lead-contaminated dirt, the amount the U.S. EPA says a child eats each year in a 1990 photo.

In late June of 1993, workers from the O.H. Materials Corp., an environmental service company, remove lead-contaminated soil from a driveway in the 2200 block of Cleveland Boulevard.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



## NEWS

# Extending a helping hand

## Area residents offer help to quake victims

By Scott Wuerz  
Staff writer

Metro East residents are extending a helping hand to victims of the earthquake that rocked Los Angeles Jan. 17, returning in-kind the good will they received during the Flood of 1993.

The Madison County chapter of the Salvation Army reported that the agency served 18,000 people with food and drink on the day of the quake and another 430 were given temporary shelter, partially funded by donations from this area.

Spokeswoman Cindy Novak of the regional Salvation Army headquarters in St. Louis said she was unsure of exact figures of donations made because of the short time since the disaster, but area residents had already begun to mail in money and donate non-perishable goods early last week before a formal campaign was organized.

Novak said the Salvation Army in California had set up

nine food kitchens and several shelters, and so far local agents were waiting to see if they were needed to be dispatched to California.

"People here have seen the devastation on television, and they remember how generous others were during (last) summer's flood," Novak said. "I think they can relate to the hardships those people are going through and they want to pay back the kindness they received during the flooding."

In addition to the Salvation Army's efforts, the American Red Cross has taken several measures to provide aid for the earthquake victims.

Barb Van Wallengen, executive director of the Red Cross Alton/Wood River chapter, said her organization has already held a Metro East-wide blood drive and a national fund drive.

A total of 573 pints of blood were collected in the St. Louis area in 11 locations over the weekend. Of that total, 98 pints

were collected in the Alton office.

Altogether said the total costs of emergency aid for earthquake victims is projected to be approximately \$10 million. The Red Cross has already collected \$4.3 million, and has spent \$2.5 million on the relief effort to date.

Despite the help that has already been offered, Novak of the Salvation Army said donations of money, canned food, and blankets are desperately needed to supply temporary shelters and the nine mobile kitchens servicing victims in the Los Angeles area.

Cash donations and other items can be made by the to the Salvation Army's Madison County office at 2007 E. 23rd St., P.O. Box 338 Granite City, IL 62040, or by calling 451-7957.

Items should be specifically marked "Earthquake Relief." Donations to the American Red Cross can be sent to the Alton office at 810 Main St., Alton, IL 62002, or by calling 465-7504.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

In late April of 1993, Venice Alderman John Ervin, left, shows lead casings found in Venice alleys to Brad Bradley, the federal EPA project manager for the lead cleanup in the Quad-City area.

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lead-contaminated children and "backing into" the biokinetic model, predicted a lead level for the soil.

But when the soil was actually tested, the actual lead level was three to four times higher than predicted.

In a number of subsequent studies, Vornberg and the others said there should be a drastic modification in the presumed amount of dirt eaten daily, used by the biokinetic model. Vornberg said the figure of 2 gram or 200 micrograms daily, used by the EPA, should be reduced to .06 gram, or 60 micrograms daily.

Bobby Wixon of Clemson University, who headed up the SEGHS task force, said there is no such thing as a "magic number" and that any threshold must be site specific. In 1990, he urged the EPA to hold up making a final decision on the Tarcop/NL Industries Superfund until the SEGHS task force made its final report.

When the final report was made in mid-1990, the SEGHS presented a six-phase flow chart leading from discovery of a lead contamination problem to establishing a final solution.

At the end of 1990, a report by the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response severely criticized the EPA as a whole for what it called "model shopping" — deciding what to do first and then finding a computer model that backed up the decision.

In a professional paper presented by Tarpoff and former Granite City Public Works Director Brett Hanke at the 1991 meeting of the SEGHS, Tarpoff and Hanke compared the SEGHS flow chart with the process they said had been apparently used by the EPA — illustrated by a maze in the form of a question mark.

Like Dr. Frankenstein, the EPA has taken the "parts" of scientific research (the biokinetic uptake model, the concept of lead contamination in tissue independent of blood lead levels and statistical data) and com-

bined them into a monstrosity," the paper said.

Tarpoff said that, despite continued scientific evidence to the contrary during the past four years, the EPA has "stubbornly stuck to 500 parts per million based only on the now-discredited biokinetic model."

Tarpoff said one of the most important things to remember during the upcoming public comment period is that lead contamination really does pose a threat to health.

"We're not saying 'Go away and leave us alone!' or that we don't want the lead contamination problem solved," Tarpoff said.

"What we want is a cleanup based on solid scientific principles. We want to clean up the problem once and then be done with it."

"But if the cleanup is based on guesswork — like this one apparently is — then it may be likely that 10 years from now the EPA will come back and say 'Oops, we guessed wrong' and start the whole thing over again."

## Farmers affected by flood get aid

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy says producers in areas affected by excessive rainfall and flood — who were unable to plant a crop, in excess of their planting history and could not replant another crop — may receive for prevented planting payments for the crop for which the farm has a planting history.

"This is another step in our continuing effort to assist those producers who were severely impacted by floods and excessive rainfall," said Espy.

Under the change, producers who filed for prevented planting payments for a planned crop larger than their historical plant payment rules to claiming the historical plantings of that crop. They may now receive for payment for acreage for which the

producer has a crop history. An example of such a situation would be a producer who had a crop history for planting 50 acres of soybeans and 50 acres of corn.

His 1993 plans were to plant 100 acres of soybeans, but he was unable to because of flooding or excessive rainfall. The producer filed for the planned 100 acres of soybeans, but due to crop history limitations in disaster payment rules, approval could only be given for 50 acres of soybeans.

The producer may now receive for 50 acres of prevented planting corn.

County agricultural stabilization and conservation service committees must determine that such a crop would have been planted if it had not been for adverse weather conditions.

However, the total of planted acreage plus prevented planting approvals may not exceed the smaller of the farm's planting history of the crops or the actual acreage the producer could not plant.

Producers should contact the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office at 656-7300 if this situation pertains to them on one or more of their farms for the 1993 crop year.

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## Briefly

## Klondike Derby is Saturday

The fourth annual Klondike Derby for the Trails West Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at Camp Warren Lewis, Godfrey, on Saturday, Jan. 29.

The Klondike Derby is an event somewhat patterned after the Iditarod held in Alaska. Patrols of Scouts pull a sled, equipped with necessary items for the day, from "city" to "city" competing in events of Scouting skills for gold nuggets. Each patrol must have a minimum of six Scouts. The patrols are routed to seven different cities.

Each city has a different program to test the skills of all the members of the patrol and requires that the patrol work together as a team in order to complete the program.

The Klondike Derby is open to the public to come see Scouting in action. The day starts with sled check-in at 7:30 a.m. with the first seven sleds starting at 8 a.m. and finishing at 3:30 p.m. with the awards ceremony. Meals will be available at the trading post. Dress warmly and come join the fun and the challenges.

## Seniors can defer taxes

Qualified senior citizens may defer all or part of their property taxes on their personal residence by applying for a loan, according to the Madison County Treasurer's Office.

The loan has a 6 percent rate, which is to be repaid after the taxpayer's death or when the property is sold.

To qualify, residents must be 65 years or older as of June 1; have a total household income of no more than \$25,000; have lived in the property or qualifying property for at least three years; own the property (joint ownership limited to spouse); and have no delinquent property taxes.

Taxpayers will need to complete an application and supply a copy of their current homeowner's insurance to the Madison County Treasurer's Office by March 1. To obtain forms, contact the treasurer's office at 692-7040, Ext. 4024.

## Horticulture series to be offered

The resurgence in do-it-yourself, at-home hobbies has many homeowners reassessing their yards and gardens.

To help them, the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service will use an innovative combination of tele-conferencing and visual displays to deliver a home horticulture series throughout the state.

In March and April, Extension specialists will offer advice, tips and insights on landscape design, gardens and lawns. The Madison-St. Clair Extension unit offices at 1 S. Third, Belleville and 900 Hillsboro, Edwardsville, is sponsoring the educational series.

The horticulture series for 1994 includes such topics and speakers as: lawn establishment and maintenance, Tom Voigt; herb gardening, Jim Schmidt; and five-part landscaping planning services, Floyd Giles. The three instructors U of I Extension specialists.

Programs will be presented at Extension unit office, 7-9 p.m. as follows:

- March 7 - Introduction to Landscape Design.
  - March 14 - Creating a Design.
  - March 21 - Smaller Landscaping Plants.
  - March 28 - Larger Landscaping Design.
  - April 4 - Putting Plants into the Design.
  - April 11 - Herb Gardening.
  - April 12 - Personal Landscaping Consultations (via audio graphics for Springfield cluster units).
- For information on registration and fees, call the location where you wish to attend. In Belleville, call 236-1600, Edwardsville, 692-7700.

## Poor to be offered free legal services

Free legal service for the poor may be just a telephone call away.

The Madison County Bar Association has instituted a project to help meet the legal needs of low-income people who often fall through the cracks when it comes to getting a fair share of legal help.

More than 30 attorneys in Madison County have volunteered to each accept two civil cases this year in the area of their specialty.

"It's really a great concept," said Assistant Illinois Attorney General Dennis Orsey, a former president of the bar association who initiated the project last year.

"The whole purpose behind this evolved from a study conducted in 1988 that found approximately 80 percent of the legal needs of the poor are going unmet," he said.

"These are people who do not have the financial backing to hire an attorney to help them maneuver in the legal system."

Volunteers began organizing the project Jan. 1. The bar association will work with the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation Inc., which already delivers legal help to the poor.

"Land of Lincoln is having a hard time meeting the demands," Orsey said.

"We're trying to supplement their staff with volunteers. Our attorneys have agreed to take on two cases a year and some have even agreed to six or eight cases," Orsey said.

Attorneys in Land of Lincoln's Alton branch will screen applicants and refer clients to the bar association attorneys.

Orsey said the association will continue recruiting volunteers throughout the year. He estimated an additional 100 Madison County residents with legal problems will be served by the end of the year.

Those who need assistance with legal matters involving landlords, tenants, domestic violence, public aid, credit

assistance, unemployment compensation, general assistance and various other civil matters must meet the Land of Lincoln income requirements before an attorney will be appointed.

"The areas we can help in really run the gamut," Orsey said. "We're hoping to make an impact on the poor."

The attorneys can handle almost anything from answering a few basic questions to making appearances in court, he said, but the program will not include help in criminal cases.

"It can be anything from collecting money or protecting your rights. If a person doesn't have a case, they will be told right away," Orsey said.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the program or anyone in need of legal representation may call Land of Lincoln at 462-0029.

"Anyone who has been through a legal proceeding without a background in the law can tell you they feel like a fish out of water," he said.

"In order to be effectively represented in court, you need a lawyer."

Orsey said another benefit of the program is to enhance the image of attorneys.

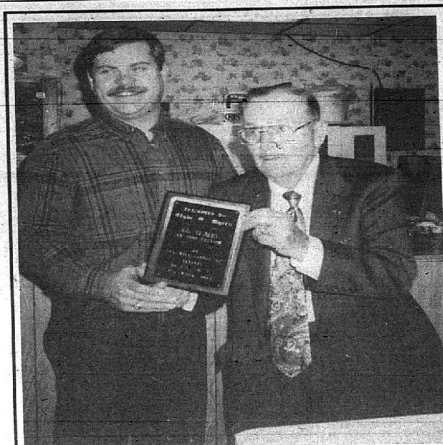
"Too often lawyers get portrayed as people who put their hand in your pocket and dig as deep as they can. With this program, we're lending a helping hand."

"It's a nice change. It's much more rewarding to give up a little of one's time to help someone in need," he said.

Alan Stentz, directing attorney of the Land of Lincoln office in Alton, said referrals will be made beginning in February.

"We target the poorest of the poor," Stentz said. "This is going to be a real help to us. Our legal organization is unable to service all those who are in need due to the lack of resources and services."

— From the Alton Telegraph



**65 years as an Odd Fellow** — Clyde O. Myers, right, is presented with a plaque from his nephew, Stanley Myers, financial secretary of Odd Fellows Six Mile Lodge 87, during a pot luck dinner given by Six Mile Lodge and Juanita Rebekah Lodge 477. The plaque was presented in honor of the elder Myers' 65 years as a member of the Odd Fellows. Myers rode horseback to join the lodge in Marble Hill, Mo. Myers has served in all the lodge offices, including noble grand, and has been a delegate to the Illinois Grand Lodge, which meets in Springfield every fall.

## NAFTA discussion set for today

"Taking Advantage of the North America Free Trade Agreement" will be the topic at a special program of the RCGA Southwestern Illinois Area Small Business Council from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville. Attorneys with Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hettlage will discuss NAFTA's impact and how to take advantage of NAFTA's opportunities while avoiding pitfalls. For reservations or more information on this free program, call 314-444-1144 or 1-800-444-SOLD.

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	1993	1992	1993	1992
INTEREST INCOME	33,228	37,787	140,012	181,303
INTEREST EXPENSE	13,211	17,387	58,058	79,529
NET INTEREST INCOME	20,017	20,400	81,954	81,774
PROVISION FOR POSSIBLE LOAN LOSSES	55	2,194	4,456	10,435
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES	19,962	18,206	77,498	71,339
NONINTEREST INCOME	2,272	1,936	8,361	9,491
NONINTEREST INCOME	13,589	14,123	61,839	52,304
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES AND CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE	8,658	6,019	34,020	28,528
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	2,478	1,715	11,592	9,510
INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE	6,180	4,304	22,428	19,016
CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE	—	—	766	—
NET INCOME	6,180	4,304	23,194	19,016
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:				
PRIMARY	\$199.75	113.24	741.89	719.51
FULLY DILUTED	186.75	105.40	690.43	656.54

FIRST BANKS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 1993 AND 1992 (DOLLARS EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS)				
	1993	1992		1992
NET LOANS	\$1,238,968	1,050,850		
TOTAL ASSETS	2,031,908	2,047,022		
TOTAL DEPOSITS	1,779,269	1,768,225		
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	201,844	180,814		
RESERVES TO NONPERFORMING LOANS	178.48%	147.54		
NONPERFORMING ASSETS TO LOANS AND FORECLOSED ASSETS	1.13	1.53		



## Obituaries

### Hazel Moore

Hazel Moore, 89, of Edgewater, Colo., formerly of Belleville, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, in Morrison, Colo.

She was born Oct. 1, 1904, in Belleville, where she resided prior to moving to Edgewater.

An embroidery operator with the garment makers Union, Belleville, she was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #471 and was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include one granddaughter, Allene Rumpf of Edgewater; two great-grandchildren, Cambria Somers of Pennsylvania and Randy Rumpf of Edgewater; and one great-granddaughter, Breanna Somers and Janeus Somers, both of Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by one son, Alan Viles, who died in 1949; and her parents.

Graveside services and burial were held Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville, by the Rev. Edith Linhardt officiating. Arrangements were by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, IL 62404, which will forward the donations.

### Ronald Jackson

Ronald B. Jackson, 50, of Cahokia died at 12:42 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1994, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville.

Born Aug. 24, 1943, in St. Louis, he was a house painter.

Survivors include one son, Ronald J. Jackson of Cahokia; two daughters, Rhonda and Paula Jackson, both of Cahokia; his mother, Rose (Griemel) Jackson of Granite City; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Jackson.

Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Don Stratton officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

### Anna Dausman

Anna (Herman) Dausman, 75, of Collinsville died at 4:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994, at Ridgecrest Nursing Home, Warrensburg, Mo. She was born July 22, 1918, in Alberta, Canada.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church, Collinsville.

Survivors include one son, Louis J. Dausman of Knob Noster, Mo.; one brother, Rudolph Herman of Granite City; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Dausman; her parents, Louis and Mary (Dyck) Herman; and one sister.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Her Funeral Home, 501 W. Main St., Collinsville, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Donald Burroughs officiating. Burial will be at College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon.

Memorials are requested for First United Methodist Church, Collinsville.

### George Arnold

George L. Arnold, 64, of Bedford, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Dunn Memorial Hospital, Bedford.

Retired from Granite City Steel in 1978 and most recently a residential construction laborer in the Bedford area, he was a member of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Bedford, and United Steelworkers of America Local 30.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Arnold; his son, Larry Arnold of Bedford; two daughters, Marilu Arnold and Martha Turner, both of St. Louis; his mother, Mrs. Arnold of Ironton, Mo.; one brother, two sisters and three grandsons.

Services were held at the Wilson Funeral Home, Fredericktown, Mo., with the Rev. Leo Candler and the Rev. Nori Jenkins officiating. Burial was at Sebastian Cemetery, Fredericktown.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 13th and M streets, Bedford, Tenn.

### Harry Nornberg

Harry Nornberg, 79, of Maryville, formerly of Madison, died Friday, Jan. 21, 1994. He was born July 21, 1914, in St. Louis.

Survivors include his sister, Frances Nornberg of Madison. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Bertha (Greenberg) Nornberg; one brother, Louis Nornberg; and one sister, Tullie Nornberg.

Graveside services and burial were held Sunday at Chevre Kadisha Cemetery, University City, Mo. Arrangements were by Berg Memorial Chapel, St. Louis. Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

### Theodore Strebler

Theodore J. "Ted" Strebler, 85, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 1:36 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City, after a five-year illness.

He was born Nov. 11, 1908, in Oran, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for the past 31 years.

Mr. Strebler was a machinist at Fairbanks Morris Co. for 25 years and later Grand Manufacturing Co., Florissant, Mo., for 10 years prior to his retirement in 1968; a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, and the American Association of Retired Persons, Shrewsbury, Mo., Chapter; and a war veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby (Schlechte) Melin Strebler, whom he married June 30, 1962; one son, Gerald Melin of Marietta, Ohio; one daughter, the Rev. Lois Pinton of Rochester, N.Y.; one sister, Cora Martin of Farmington, Mo.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Mary (Reiminger) Strebler; three brothers, Theon, Cleo and Floyd Strebler; and one sister, Ida Matthews.

Visitation will be held at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave., Granite City, by the Rev. Thomas Wise. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

### Mildred Smith

Mildred L. (Langston) Smith, 88, of Granite City died at 4:40 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 1994, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a 12-year illness.

Born Dec. 17, 1905, in Springfield, Ill., she had been a resident of Granite City for the past 60 years.

Mrs. Smith was a sales clerk at Helman's (Stall) Shop, Granite City, prior to her retirement in 1975; a member of Titus Presbyterian Church, Springfield, and founder of the Ladies Quads-Cities Bowling League.

Survivors include her friend, James Adams of Granite City. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Sarah Elizabeth (Hall) Langston; and one brother, Fred Langston.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Davis Funeral Home, 814 S. Adams of Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. today with the Rev. Leonard Robinson officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

### Grace Hendrickson

Grace Hendrickson, 82, of Brownstown, Ill., died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994, in Virginia. She was born May 2, 1911.

She was a cook at Brownstown (Ill.) High School prior to her retirement.

Survivors include one son, Steve Hendrickson of Virginia, formerly of Granite City; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hendrickson, who died in 1947.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Miller Funeral Home, Fifth St., Vandalia, (618) 283-3176, where services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be at St. Elmo Cemetery, Effingham.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

### Shirley Rubinrot

Shirley (Elsen) Rubinrot, 63, of Bloomfield, Conn., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1994, at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

She was a former employee of the Hartford Courant newspaper and had worked for the Social Service Department in Bloomfield.

Survivors include her husband, Selig Rubinrot; one son, Matthew R. Rubinrot of Bloomfield; one daughter, Judith Bloch of Cedarhurst, N.Y.; one brother, Louis Eisen of Houston; and three grandsons.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 9, at Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford, where burial was at New Monticello Cemetery, Fitchtown, Long Island, N.Y.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

### Fred Herschbach

Fred J. Herschbach, 85, of Corpus Christi, Texas, a former area resident, died Monday, Jan. 24, 1994, at Corpus Christi Hospital.

He was born April 19, 1908, in National City and had been a resident of Corpus Christi since 1987.

Survivors include one son, William Herschbach of Belleville; one daughter, Bernice Skinner of Granite City; one brother, Clarence "Bud" Herschbach of Anchorage, Alaska; six sisters, Thelma James of Granite City, Arlene Seifer of Hermann, Mo., Frances Smith of Tucson, Ariz., Mary Waltemate of Steelville, Ill., Leona Herschbach of Chicago, Ill., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Herschbach; and three brothers, George, James and Ray Herschbach.

Graveside services and burial were held Wednesday at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Corpus Christi, with the Rev. Bernard Milapoff officiating. Arrangements were by Berg Memorial Chapel, St. Louis.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

### Paul Drayton

Paul Drayton, 68, of Madison died Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

He was born May 25, 1925, in Sydney, Ark., and had been a resident of the Metro East area for the past 50 years. He was employed by the city of Madison as a laborer for 33 years.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Drayton; and three sons, Carl Hines and Brian D. Drayton, both of Madison, and Paul T. Drayton of Davenport, Iowa.

Services are at 1 p.m. today at Friendship Baptist Church, 301 Mercedia St., Venice, with the Rev. Fred Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Arrangements are by Office Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

## Satisfied Racial Harmony Group looks at first year

By Bonita Tillman  
Staff writer

With a satisfied look back at a year of accomplishments, members of the Racial Harmony Group from around St. Clair County have vowed to strive for new goals.

"I believe it's going to take all of us to be committed," said Cheryl Gray, secretary, Rockingham, vice president for student affairs at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"I want you to pledge with me. I can develop a plan and get it done. I want you to be part of it. It would work unless you accept some part," she told members. "The beginning of change has begun in each of us."

Rockingham was sworn into office as circuit judge Milton Wharton as were Janet McWhynolds as vice president, Cheryl Gray as secretary, Carolyn Chapman as treasurer and Michael Harrison, Charles Kolker, Robert Wells and William Lyke as three-year terms on the board of directors.

"There's a great deal of goals and struggles in front of us," Wharton said. "And one thing I believe our incoming group is uniquely capable of doing is educating those above and below the hill that there are things we can come together on."

He credited outgoing president Paula Braly with giving credence to the organization during her two-year tenure.

Among other things, Racial Harmony has hosted sensitivity training for businesses and organizations, sponsored youth-to-youth forums for high school students, worked with Belleville officials to create a Human Relations Commission and spearheaded exchange programs between Belleville and East St. Louis police officers and judges.

"Without Paula Braly's initiative and personal involvement, we would not be here today," Wharton said. "I can not say enough about what she has done to preserve this organization."

Braly called Racial Harmony the most diverse, unique and goal-oriented organization in St. Clair County.

"This group is not a bunch of quitters. We have been unshaken by things that seemed insurmountable, but we keep chipping away," she said.

Racial Harmony was created after the publication of newspaper articles in 1990 that alleged racial insensitivity by Belleville police officers to blacks visiting the city.

The group initially was organized among Belleville residents who wanted to bring various ethnic groups closer for a better understanding of each other. It has since evolved to include other St. Clair County communities.

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Under the proposal, the additional charges for use of consumable medical supplies such as bandages, drugs and intravenous supplies will continue to be as bandages, and the additional charges for specialized services such as electrocardiogram monitoring and transmission will continue to be billed at rates set by Medicare.

## Cable TV meeting accomplishes little

By Scott Wuerz  
Staff writer

Officials from various communities in Madison County Wednesday laid out a plan for developing a cable television consortium, but poor attendance kept the group from completing much of its agenda.

The communities hope to form a united front in negotiating cable contracts by coming to the table as one group instead of as individual entities.

Current contracts signed by the communities in the early eighties are scheduled to expire within the next three years.

The Madison County Board voted last week to move ahead with plans to seek a single set of countywide cable TV rates and service standards with the various cable operators in Madison County.

But only 10 of the 20 cities who have expressed interest in the program attended the meeting Wednesday.

Communities there were Collinsville, Maryville, Troy, Edwardsville, Alton, Highland, Glen Carbon, Venice, Madison and St. Jacob, in addition to county offices.

Although the group was unable to complete the election of a board chairman and steering committee and outline a plan to fund the consortium — all priorities on the agenda — it did gain some advice from a group with similar interests in St. Louis County.

Michael McDowell, city administrator for Creve Coeur, spoke for more than an hour about the cable regulating board his city has set up.

McDowell said that although cable consortiums have no legal right to mandate the rate a cable company may charge or to even force cities in the consortium to adopt its recommendations.

They still can save subscribers money.

"First, grouping together will allow participants to cut costs in representation in negotiations by splitting (attorney's fees) among participant municipalities," McDowell said.

"Secondly, working as a group will allow communities to better audit not only the cost of service, but also of the (cable company's) equipment and quality of the service itself."

McDowell said the cost of legal representation and research has cost the St. Louis County cable consortium approximately \$75,000.

McDowell also gave the Madison County group advice on what to look for in terms of a new contract. When negotiating, he said, it is a good idea to have the minds of the individual cities in the past, should be obsolete," he said.

"With fiber optic technology on the horizon, 15-year contracts like the ones negotiated by individual cities in the past, should be obsolete," he said.

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## FAMILY

## Catholic Schools Week celebration

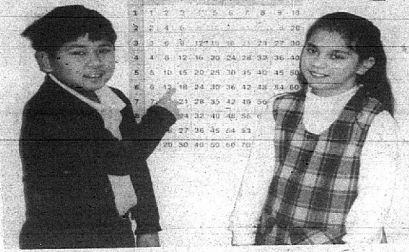
Catholic Schools Week is the most celebrated week of the year at St. Elizabeth School. Banners are hung to advertise the importance of Catholic education. Parishioners are informed of the week's activities and are asked to join.

Activities during this special week usually include parents and grandparents' lunch with the students, an evening open house, an all-school program, no homework day, an out-of-uniform day, a raffle earning money for the missions or for parish projects and sometimes an early dismissal. Everyone gets caught up in the excitement of the week.

St. Elizabeth School picks a special theme around which the program, school decorations and the yearbook is built. This year's theme was "The Wonderful World of Books."

In living up to its patron saint, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the school has a dedication to the poor, sick and less fortunate. The following are some ways the school has tried to live up to the patron saint's legacy:

- Annually at Christmas, students participate in the City Hall's tree-lighting ceremony. This ceremony is always attended by Special Services.
- Fifth-grade students raised \$100 through a bake sale. These monies were used to aid the



Jason Ayran and Genny Salanik, third-grade students in Lucille Friederich's class, with their multiplication table.

## Somalian children.

- Students assist at a Christmas party held for residents of the local nursing homes.

- The student body is responsible for having food drives, which provide Catholic charities with an abundance of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The collection of food is accompanied by money to buy any articles Catholic charities may need. The school has also collected toys, coats and blankets for the needy.

- A second-grade class raised money to give to a fund for a baby needing a liver transplant. The baby received the liver and is doing fine.

- One-hundred dollars was sent to the H.C.A. project, "Giving the Extra Mile for Kids in Need."

- All year long, students can put their pennies and change in a jar to be used for a special cause.

- One of the school's families was a victim of the flood, so students collected food and other necessary items to help them out.

- Mat-a-thon, sponsored by St. Jude Hospital, has received approximately \$5,000 from St. Elizabeth School.
- Bowl-a-thon, held by grades seven and eight, earned more than \$1,100 for the needy.

## Hartin-Jackson

Kim Hartin, daughter of Jim and Judy Hartin of Granite City, and Terry Jackson, son of Tommy and Barbara Jackson of Madison, have announced their engagement.

Hartin is a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School. She is employed by the Madison County Circuit Clerk's Office, Edwardsville, as a deputy clerk.

Jackson is a 1989 graduate of Madison High School. He is employed by the Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis, as a waiter.

The couple is planning a May 14 wedding at Grace Baptist Church, Granite City.



Kim Hartin and Terry Jackson

## Touchette - Hagler

Michelle Touchette, the daughter of Gene and JoAnn Touchette of Marine, and Scott Hagler, the son of Bob and Chari Hagler of Highland, have announced their engagement.

Touchette is a 1991 graduate of Triad High School and is currently self-employed.

Hagler is a 1984 graduate of Triad High School and a 1987 graduate of Belleville Area College. He is employed in maintenance at Victor Village of Spanish Lake, Mo. No wedding date has been set.

## Homemakers get thank-you

Thirty members of Trio Homemakers Club of Granite City met Jan. 4 at the Hope Lutheran Church.

After refreshments were served by Pat Mitchell, Marilyn Lybarger, Lily Chabouda and Joyce Barrington, a short business meeting was conducted by President Doris Anderson. First Vice President Roberta Cottrell thanked the hostesses and introduced the local leaders, Barrington and Karmyn Wagner, who gave a lesson, "Landscaping With Perennials."

A letter from Denise Wright from Protestant Welfare was read acknowledging a thank-you note for a gift of a large group of toys donated by two homemakers clubs.

Get-well wishes were sent to Arlene Brinkmeyer and Mary Wilson.

Emma Jakich conducted four games, which were won by Naomi Chapman, Helen Robertson, Ada Matras and Cathy Prusak.

The next meeting of the Homemakers Club will be a pot luck dinner served at noon at Hope Lutheran Church.

## Beta Sigma Phi chapter hears about Gale Ferris

Members of Preceptor Beta Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and spouses enjoyed Christmas party festivities at Ralph and Charlie's Restaurant.

Secret pal gifts were exchanged and the men received gag gifts. The centerpiece was won by Jeannie Ferguson. The group sang bells for the Salvation Army during the month.

Illinois personalities discussed were Jane Addams, winner of

the 1931 Nobel Peace Prize for establishing Hull House in Chicago, a center for the poor. She also fought for social reform, child labor laws and helped start the NAACP.

The group also learned of George Washington Gale Ferris, designer of the first "pleasure wheel" for the 1883 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The forerunner of the Ferris Wheel, this 2,000-ton structure

had 36 gondolas and took 20 minutes for one trip around. Ferris Wheels continue to be manufactured by the Eli Bridge Co. in Jacksonville, Ill.

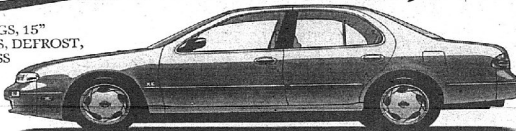
In attendance were Norm and Barb Hente, Don and Cherrell Beck, Betty Moss, Marilyn Lumpkins, Carl and Linda Mizell, Jim and Carolyn Brennan, Larry and Jeannie Ferguson and Dave and Betty Beck.

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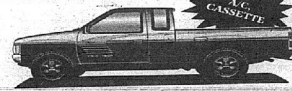
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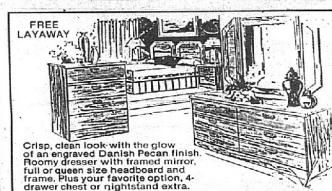
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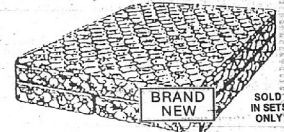
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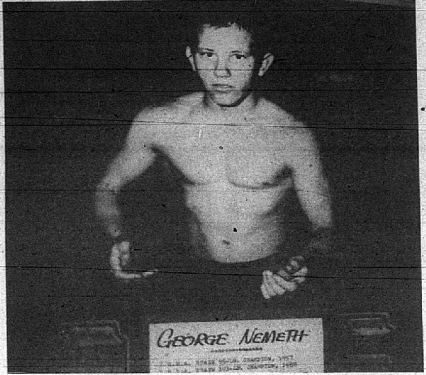






## SPORTS

## Nemeth tourney to attract area's top wrestlers



Granite City's George Nemeth won numerous awards during his high-school career. The Nemeth Memorial tournament is set for Saturday at Coolidge Junior High.

## Bowland's best

Domesick sets house record, rolls 300 game

By Mike Kelly  
Correspondent

Bruce Domesick is a modest guy who enjoys a night out with the boys.

But he's also a talented bowler. Domesick displayed those talents on Nov. 29, when he set a house record with a lot of luck involved in this game. When I set the house record, the wins were just falling my way.

"I'm just glad I got it. It took a long time for me to get an 800 series, but setting a house record never crossed my mind."

It was the first 800 series of his career and he didn't find out about the record until he read the Missouri-Illinois Bowling Review a month later. He bowled individual games of 279, 289 and 299 and had a 298 in his fourth game for a 1108 total.

"There was a lot of controver-



Bruce Domesick  
867 series

sy the night I set the record," Domesick said. "Some people said I set the record and others said I didn't. So the issue was up in the air. But when I read about it, I was extremely proud of myself."

"THAT'S QUITE AN achievement. It hasn't sunk in yet, but it will someday. It's something I'm very proud of."

The area's top junior high wrestling teams and individuals will be on hand Saturday at Coolidge Junior High School for the second George Nemeth Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

Nemeth, the only two-time Illinois state champion in Granite City High School history, served as an assistant coach to Walt Whitaker at Granite City North beginning in 1973. Before his untimely death in 1981, Nemeth was a major supporter and contributor to Granite City wrestling. He won the 85-pound state title in 1967 and the 103 title in 1968.

THE EIGHT-TEAM field features the host Braves, Grigsby, Edwardsville, Bethalto, Trimpe, Roxana, Murphysboro, Collinsville and the Belleville Little Devils. The tournament will begin at 10 a.m.

The field is very strong again this year. "Coolidge coach Allen Kirgan said, 'Unlike last year, the title is up for grabs. Last year, Bethalto was favored and they were never really challenged.'"

Edwardsville is undefeated in conference duals and boasts four undefeated individuals. Wrestlers to watch include Clint Fritag, Chris McCoy and Jim Ambsbury. All three are returning state qualifiers. Chad McCoy is also undefeated in conference matches.

Grigsby enters the tournament with three wrestlers undefeated in conference competition. John Kelly, Matt Glover and Ryan Wayna. Strong performances from them could put Grigsby in the hunt for team honors.

Coolidge is 6-0 in conference duals and has six individuals who are undefeated in conference competition. Jeremy Cox at 77 pounds, Adam Dunnivant at 84; Justin Hale at 100; Kevin Venn at 114; Jonas Janek at 121; and Greg Buchek at 157.

COX AND VENNE are returning state qualifiers, and both qualified for the regional nationals last year in freestyle and Greco-Roman competition. Venn was the 110-pound Greco national champion, and he finished fifth in freestyle.

Trimpe, the defending tournament champion, is led by Steven Bryant. Bryant, a two-time state champion and three-time state place winner, won the 77-pound class last year and is favored to win the 84-pound title this year.

Roxana is led by Lionel Rios, who is undefeated in conference competition at heavyweight. Oliver Vogt could challenge for top honors in the 114-pound class. Murphysboro comes in as the strongest of the field's three non-conference teams. Murphysboro's top individuals are Wilson Moore (172) and B.J. Vaughn

(100). Moore was a state place winner last year and Vaughn was a state qualifier.

The Belleville Little Devils hope to improve on last year's seventh-place team finish. The Little Devils are led by state qualifiers John Carpenter and B.J. Bartlesman.

"Craig Boone and Curt Ruja-witz are both having real good years and could do something at the tournament for us," Belleville coach Tim Algyer said.

COLLINSVILLE IS in the tournament for the first year. State qualifiers Kenny Lutz and Mark Justice lead the Raiders.

"This year, I would have to say Edwardsville is the team to beat," Kirgan said. "But I feel that five of the eight teams have a good shot at team honors."

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## Granite City JV wrestlers place second in tourneys

The Granite City junior varsity wrestling team turned in a well-rounded performance Saturday and captured second place at the Parkway West Invitational.

Seven individuals placed for Granite City, which posted 146.5 team points to finish behind Hazelwood East, Hazelwood East, edged the Warriors with 158.5 points.

ROUNDING OUT the field were Oakville (118.5 points), Riverview Gardens (51), McCluer North (48.5), Ritenour (41), Parkway West (48) and McCluer (30).

The Warriors were led by six wrestlers who earned titles: Kevin Feigenbutz at 125 pounds; Mark Mondenhall at 130; Mark Barron at 135; Jason Wilson at 152; Jim Watkins at 189; and Jason Potter at heavyweight.

Mark Mitchell captured second place at 171.

Also on Saturday, Granite City's freshman team competed at the O'Fallon Tournament and captured second place. The Warriors brought eight wrestlers and placed in eight of the 14 weight classes.

"The kids did an outstanding job," coach Greg Garland said. "They really did well."

GRANITE CITY'S first-place performers were Matt Wiesenborn at 103, Kelly Huckleberry at 145 and Nick Campbell at 275. Campbell won the tournament's fastest pin trophy with a win by fall in 18 seconds over Belleville East's Vince Wang.

Other place winners for the Warriors were Ethan Crane, third at 88; David Thompson, third at 119; Vince Willard, third at 171; Tony Evans, fourth at 135; and Tom Kahl, fourth at 189.

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## Trojans

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one of the best players in the area at his position. Kerkisch did a fine job on the boards. He played a whale of a game."  
Roth came out firing early, scoring 10 points in the first quarter. Lebanon's perimeter game got a boost from Richard Douglas and Adam Schieppie, who hit back-to-back three-pointers to give Lebanon an early 14-6 lead.

But the Trojans charged back in the second quarter, cutting Lebanon's lead to 37-29 by half-time. Point guard Anthony King led the way by running the offense and scoring eight of his game-high 23 points in the second quarter.

During Madison's run, the Greyhounds had little offense besides Roth, who scored half of their 14 points in the second quarter.

"I don't know what caused that," Schieppie said. "I thought we were a little tired. I should have taken a couple kids out. We were a little lax."  
King kept up in the pace in the second half, scoring 12 points and hitting two three-pointers. King has sparked the Trojans since joining the team last week during the Belleville East Invitational after becoming eligible.

The junior guard has taken over the playmaking duties for Eugene Williams, now at shooting guard. But Williams has struggled in his new role over the past several games. He was held to seven points Tuesday, all in the fourth quarter.

"(King) was running the point real well," Collins said. "It's a real plus for us."

"I think (Williams) is putting pressure on himself. He has to

loosen up. He's been the one we've been going to, and now we have guys who can help him."  
The Trojans appear to be on the rise after spending most of the season rebuilding. King, Williams and sophomore Milan Jones are running the backcourt

while Butler and senior forward Tavares Young are anchoring the inside.  
Madison made it to the consolation title game at Belleville East last week and its comeback effort in the second quarter against Lebanon was yet another

encouraging sign.  
"The kids have no quit," Collins said. "That's what I like about them. They work together and they scrap."  
Madison fell to 6-11 with the loss. Lebanon improved to 10-9 and snapped a two-game skid.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)  
Madison guard Milan Jones had 10 points Tuesday against Lebanon.

## Caswell transfers back to East Side

### Senior star hopes to be eligible against Warriors

By R.J. Gerber  
Staff writer

Tyrone Caswell, who found out Monday he could not play basketball any more at Lincoln High because of a judge's ruling, enrolled at East St. Louis Senior on Tuesday morning in hopes of returning to the court.

The decision of Associate Judge Robert Hillebrand was handed down Monday afternoon, denying Caswell an injunction to continue playing for the Tigers. But Caswell returned to his former school, East Side, and began practicing Tuesday. He hopes to be declared eligible for Saturday's Southwestern Conference game at Granite City.

CASWELL AND his attorney, James Gornic, took the Illinois High School Association to court after executive director Dave Fry ruled Nov. 5 that Caswell was ineligible at Lincoln.

A temporary restraining order was obtained and Caswell played 12 games for Lincoln. But the order was lifted last week and Caswell had to sit out the past four games. Now it seems he'll never play at Lincoln again.

The investigation into Caswell's transfer was initiated by East Side officials. Caswell's reason for transfer was to enroll

in a science program offered at Lincoln but not at East Side. Caswell, who could not be reached for comment, never enrolled in the program. He went to East Side as early as last week to begin enrollment procedures for this semester.

"It's a big puzzle to me," Lincoln coach Bennie Lewis said Monday. "I hope (East Side) principal Sam Morgan and Fry can sleep well."

FRY SAID THAT without seeing a copy of Hillebrand's decision, he couldn't comment on whether Lincoln would have to forfeit the 10 victories in which Caswell participated.

Fry did say, however, that if Caswell returns to East Side, another ruling would have to be made. The IHSAA's decision could come as soon as today.  
"Caswell attended Lincoln for a semester, and under the by-laws that would be another intra-district transfer," Fry said Monday evening. "I believe it would require another ruling."  
The IHSAA by-law is 3.044, which says a student who registers in a district within the first 10 days of a semester becomes eligible immediately. Morgan said the first day of the second semester was Monday.

Morgan said there's more than

basketball to Caswell's return to East Side.

"I know I can help Tyrone with his ACT and make an impact," Morgan said. "I do feel vindicated to a degree. But when adults fight, it's the kids that get hurt."

CASWELL, A senior and a Division I prospect, has met Proposition 48 requirements. He has scored a 14 twice on the ACT. A 17 is required for eligibility at a college freshman.

In the 12 games Caswell played with the Tigers, he averaged 24.5 points and nearly 15 rebounds per game. He was the SWC Player of the Year last season for the Flyers.

The program which Caswell gave for his reason of transfer is aimed at sophomores and junior students. Officials at SIUE, which offers the program, would not allow Caswell to enroll because younger students were awaiting enrollment.

Fry referred to a new by-law in the IHSAA constitution, which became effective July 1, in ruling Caswell ineligible. Caswell transferred on paper last May, but didn't attend Lincoln until this fall.

"THIS IS THE first real test of the (by-law)," Fry said.

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# Horoscope

**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Pride can get in the way of judgment, and some will be fooled by flattery. Keep your sense of humor if your routine is turned topsy-turvy by the absence of a helper or your boss. Dress up in something special, and your confidence will be improved. Plans for fun tonight are subject to change. Young people need more guidance and closer supervision than usual.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Conflicts over leadership can result from tactlessness, so think carefully before sounding off. When your best friend won't tell you if he or she is hurt, if you use a little flair in personal dealings, you'll win.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Coming out on top isn't as important as maintaining security. Let your family air grievances—even though some of the loudest complaints are unfounded. Throughout the weekend, focus on your guests at home.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Keep your budget in mind, although you're bound to be tempted to use a credit card for an impulse purchase. Brothers and sisters are in the picture. They need your advice, and you need the fun of a good chat.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). News arrives from your distant family or in-laws. Face challenges on the job, and you'll be vindicated by means of sheer competence. Intrusions upon romantic privacy are likely all weekend—but be gracious.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Kindness is well rewarded. You drive a hard bargain, but you may have to wait awhile for the sale. An absent co-worker means more work for you. Tonight, everyone calls, so give up the idea of having quiet time to read.

**Today's birthday** (Jan. 27). Mysteries clear up in February and March, and information gained in April holds the key to your future. It's difficult to choose between loves in May. Reconciliation or a new job brings change in June. Your reward comes in July. Marriage or partnership meets with success in August. Enjoy career advancement beyond your expectations in September. In October, travel and visit new views.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Spend time in solitude. One who helps you with a health problem may become a close friend or a new romance. Criticism must be taken in the right spirit. Resentments from the past enter into the present picture.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An exceptionally interesting new person is standing in front of you, and romance is knocking, too. Take care in traffic. Gossip is not reliable, so don't jump to conclusions. New friends are in the picture.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pressure that has been allowed to build silently may threaten your health or your composure—relax with a long walk before making important decisions or announcements. Getting organized satisfies you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Distant events or a long-distance call you receive can bring big changes. Plans and goals are the focus. Put off starting journeys. A legal matter is settled before the weekend. Aries is your best companion today.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Efforts to get along with co-workers may be met by stubbornness that comes from past resentments. Being tolerant at home and at work can now pay off, bringing you increased clout in near future.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Correct an error quietly—whether it's your own or another's. The evening brings unexpected guests or calls. Keep an open mind where neighbors are concerned. Don't offer opinions unless you are asked.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Using diplomacy at work is the easiest way to create security for the future. Changes of job conditions will work out in your favor by next week. Take up a study—perhaps of the latest health information.

## SIUE to present one-act operas

The Opera Theater of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will present two one-act operas by Giacomo Puccini—*Gianni Schicchi* and *Suor Angelica*—at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28-29, in the SIUE Communications Building theater.

A comic opera, *Gianni Schicchi* tells the story of greedy relatives who conspire to rewrite an uncle's will, leaving all of his riches to themselves. However, a problem occurs when their friend, Gianni, turns the table and steals the money for himself.

Cast members include: Michael Boeschert of St. Charles, Mo., in the title role; Lisa Maxedon of Sullivan as Lauretta and Laura Hogan of South St. Louis County, as Zita. *Suor Angelica* chronicles the tragic story of a young girl who is banished to convent by her

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Jazz pianist Henry Butler, a popular recording artist and an accomplished photographer who also teaches music at Eastern Illinois University, will appear with his trio in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Scheduled in Meridian Hall of SIUE's University Center, the Butler trio will perform with the East St. Louis Lincoln Senior High School Jazz Band. The SIUE Concert Jazz Band will open the program. The Feb. 11 concert is cosponsored by the SIUE University Center Board, the Black Student Association, Students for Unity, the SIUE chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers, and Sigma Gamma Rho.

Another facet of Butler's career is his work in photography. His photographs have been featured in exhibitions and have been published in "American Photographer" and "Spin" magazines. In conjunction with the Feb. 11 concert, The University Museum of SIUE and Students for Unity will host an exhibition of Butler's work on the North Wall gallery area, behind the UC

Gallery on the second floor of the University Center. A native of New Orleans, Butler received formal music training by the age of eight years old from the Louisiana State School for the Blind. He earned a bachelor's in vocal music from Southern University and began adding jazz to his rhythm and blues repertoire influenced by such New Orleans greats as James Booker and Professor Longhair. Butler went on to receive a master's in vocal music from Michigan State University and has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts to study with keyboard artists Roland Hanna and George Duke.

He began teaching in 1974 at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, moving then to Los Angeles in 1980, where he worked as talent consultant for Motown Records and the Stevie Wonder organization in addition to performing in local restaurants and nightclubs and on radio. In 1984, he played with bassist Charlie Haden and drummer Billy Higgins, which led to Butler's debut recording on the MCA label, "Firin' Around."

That album earned Butler recognition as one of "Billboard" magazine's top 10 jazz album artists of the year. After three years at Eastern, Butler says: "I enjoy the con-

trast of going out and performing and then coming back to school to teach. I especially like the feeling of molding talent that is unfolding, but preparing students for life and the future is a pretty large responsibility," he said. "It's not a thing that I like lightly."

Tickets for the Feb. 11 concert are \$10; SIUE faculty and staff, \$8; SIUE students, \$5. Advance tickets are available at Union Station ticket office, in the University Center.

For more information about the Feb. 11 concert or exhibition, call Jo Ann Collins in the SIUE Office of Campus Life, 692-2330.

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## Social Security Funeral services not just for retirement

By Bill Hunot  
Social Security Administration

Q. My sister and I have been debating whether Social Security is a "good deal." Her husband drew disability benefits and Medicare before he died. And after her husband's death, she and the children drew survivors' benefits for years. Obviously, Social Security was a good deal for that family. They probably would have been on welfare without it. But I am starting my Social Security this year at age 62. Will I ever get back everything I paid into Social Security for all these years?

A. You've made several good points about Social Security. The system should not be evaluated as just a retirement system. It is more. Also, the value of the program to society, as a whole, should be considered. Your sister's situation illustrates both points.

As far as you getting good value for your tax dollar, it depends on how much you've paid in and how long you will live.

Excluding Medicare taxes and the part of Social Security taxes that pay for disability benefits, the average Social Security retiree this year has paid \$18,921 into the system. His employers contributed the same amount, so a total of \$37,842 was paid in.

The benefit, at age 62, earned by that contributor would be \$684 per month. That means the average retiree would recover his contributions and his employers' in less than five years.

A man retiring today will, on average, draw Social Security for 15 years before he dies. An average woman will draw her benefit for nearly 20 years.

Remember, though, these figures do not include interest that you might have earned on your money had you saved it instead of paying Social Security taxes.

Q. I'm considering taking my Social Security benefits at age 62, but I've got a few questions about it. How much of a cut will I take if I don't wait until 65? If I get benefits at 62, will my checks go up to the full amount when I reach 65? When can I get my Medicare?

A. If you start getting benefits at age 62, your benefit will be reduced by 20 percent. The reduction is permanent. Your benefit will not increase at 65. You must be 65 to get Medicare unless you are disabled, or if you need kidney dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**BENFIELD, Julia (Baima)**, 89, of Granite City, formerly of Montana, died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Her remains were cremated. Arrangements were by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City.

**BROOKSHIER, Melvin**, 82, of Granite City, formerly of Jennings, Mo., died at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at home. Services were held Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Louis.

**CULPEPPER, Jerry R.**, 41, of Granite City died at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 1994, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. James Robbins. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**DOTY, Charles M.**, 74, of Granite City died at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Wayne Musatics. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to American Lung Association.

**FEURKIA, Betty J. (McCosky)**, 67, of Granite City died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at home. Services were held Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Masses are suggested as memorials.

**GORDON, Anna M. (Anielak)**, 86, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 6:12 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Collinsville Care Center. Services were held Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Samuel Boda. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery, St. Louis.

**HOFT, Tecla Mary (Strubberg)**, 84, of Ironton, Mo., died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at Arcadia Valley Hospital in Missouri. Services were held Friday at White Funeral Home, Ironton, by the Rev. Charles Dickinson. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

**JOINER, Byrdie May (Elliott)**, 85, of Dover, Tenn., formerly of

Madison and Granite City, died at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Trinity Hospital, Erin, Tenn. Services were held Saturday at Anglin Funeral Home, Dover, by the Rev. Steven Minor and the Rev. James Webb. Burial was at Joiner-Hefflin Cemetery, Dover.

**LANE, E. Blanche (Wyatt)**, 88, of Granite City died at 2:04 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City. Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Bennie Young. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Central Christian Church, Granite City.

**LEIBOLD, Alvin "Bud" Sr.**, 80, of Granite City died at 2:25 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Arrangements were by Warner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach. Memorials in the form of Masses are suggested.

**LEVANTI, Mario "Mike"**, 77, of Fairview Heights died at 2:58 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 1994, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Services were held Monday at St. Albert the Great Church, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. James Long. Burial was at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Belleville. Arrangements were by Kassy Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights.

**McCLINTOCK, Harry E. "Mac"**, 80, of Granite City, formerly of Vandalia, died at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Saturday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Bruce Rushing. Burial was at Fairview Heights, Vandalia. Memorials to Netherland United Methodist Church, Granite City.

**MEHELIC, Mary A. (Polovich)**, 80, of Madison died at 12:35 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Services were held Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison, by the Rev. Jim Keener. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Lahey-Sedack Funeral Home, Madison. Memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church Improvement Fund.

**ORSEY, Andrew G.**, 86, of Granite City died at 10 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at home. Services were held Saturday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Peter Stumbold. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, Madison, or Hospice of Madison County, Granite City.

**REED, Anna E. (Langston)**, 92, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Madison County Nursing Home, Edwardsville. Services were held Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

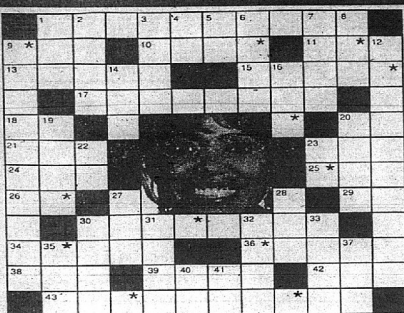
**ROARK, Charles A.**, 82, of Granite City died at noon Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Saturday at Kassy Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Mark D. Stec. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

**ROCHESTER, Martha (Warford)**, 73, of Granite City died at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Elwyn Wilkinson. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to American Kidney Foundation.

**SNYDER, Beulah B. (Rhoades)**, 83, of Granite City died at 11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994, at VHP Manor Nursing Home, Wood River. Services were held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Henry Crippen. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

**TANKSLEY, Clara B. (Apponyi)**, 76, of Granite City died at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 1994, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis County. Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. James Hays. Burial was at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

**TEBBENHOFF, Wilbert J. "Will"**, 64, of Bonne Terre, Mo., formerly of Dupe, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, at Parkland Health Center in Bonne Terre. Services were held Monday at Christ United Church of Christ in Dupe by the Rev. Robert Walker. Burial was at Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville. Kassy Colonial Mortuary in Fairview Heights handled arrangements. Memorials to First Congregational United Church of Christ, Bonne Terre, Mo.



The identity of the featured performer is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

### ACROSS

1. That?; 1993
9. Street paver's need
10. 12/24 and 12/31
11. Cold, to hot; abbr.
13. Wolf-like animal
15. Blood carrier
17. Jessica Fletcher's portrayer
18. Initials of one who said, "Make my day"
20. # of kids for Cliff & Clair Huxtable times CX
21. Silver or gold
23. Secret Life; 1987 TV movie
24. Old western star Tom
25. Ms. West
26. Prince's state of birth; abbr.
29. Ruth Hussey's state of birth; abbr.
30. Role on Full House
34. Cut
35. Stan's buddy
38. Where Love Gones; 1984 Bette Davis film
39. Late actor Jennings
42. Miscalculate
43. 1993 series starring Shaun Baker (3)

### DOWN

1. Dinner for Mr. Ed
2. Pitcher Herschiser
3. Martin
4. This puzzle's subject
5. Married His Wife; 1940 Joel McCrea film
6. Jacob's twin
7. Flat-bottomed rowboat
8. Make a choice
9. Police drama (2)
10. Mr. Cole
12. Hun's co-star (2)
14. Mork's home
16. 1 of John Boy's sisters
20. 1st word in the title of one of Hirsch's series
22. Stan, to Dorothy Zbornak
23. Monogram for Mancini
27. Becky or Darlene, to D.J. (for short)
28. Start of the title of the Bunkers' series
30. Best Comedy of 1974
31. Chastity's mom
32. Lounge about lazily
33. Altitude; abbr.
35. Part of the title of Richard Dysart's series
37. Page
40. Pronoun
41. 30 Down's # of seasons



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**Cleanup awards** — Awards were presented for the most trash collected at the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce's 1993 Stash the Trash Day. In top left photo, Jeff Thorton, second from left, of Central Bank accepts the first-place award for the most trash collected by a small group. From left are Barbara DuVall, chairman of this year's Stash the Trash, and Thorton, Mike Hylla of Laidlaw Waste Systems and R.C. Bush, Chamber executive vice president. In top right photo, Barb Wyatt-Yust, second from left, of D.W. Brown accepts the second-place award for trash collected by a small group. From left are Barbara



DuVall, Wyatt-Yust, Mike Hylla and R.C. Bush. In bottom left photo, Mary Brown, second from left, of Belleville Area College accepts the third-place award for trash collection in the small-group category. From left are Barbara DuVall, Brown, Mike Hylla and R.C. Bush. In bottom right photo, Becky Wingerter, second from left, of Granite City Head Start accepts the fourth-place award for trash collection in the small-group category. From left are Barbara DuVall, Wingerter, Mike Hylla and R.C. Bush.

